



RCMP O DIVISION CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

Border Integrity Open Source Results for 2022-02-15, 1000 hours

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AIM

To provide RCMP O Division with passive open source information identified on 2022-02-15 by 1000 hours, pertaining to the ongoing protests known as the "Freedom Convoy" at or near Ontario land and air ports of entry (POE).

KEY FINDINGS

- A review of social media and public messaging channels showed no posts of concern for any of the bridges in the Niagara Region.
- There is significantly less chatter on Twitter regarding the Ambassador Bridge in Windsor.
- No posts of concern were located regarding an upcoming organized protest in Windsor.
- Facebook user **Personal Info.** appeared to suggest slashing the tires of **Personal Info.** vehicles.

NIAGARA REGION

Peace Bridge

There are few social media posts regarding the Peace Bridge and Fort Erie area. Most online discussions appear to be reviewing the events from the weekend with some mention of the institution of the Emergency Act. A few social media users are discussing a possible demonstration for this upcoming weekend, but in very general terms with no obvious organization.

Rainbow/Whirlpool/Queenston-Lewiston Bridge

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

KINGSTON

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

CORNWALL

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

WINDSOR

There is significantly less public chatter on Twitter regarding the Ambassador Bridge in Windsor. There are several posts in the 'Windsor Convoy for Freedom 2022' Facebook group to reconvene and continue to protest. One Facebook user asked why people were "giving up" and there were several comments that they weren't giving upⁱ; however, no posts of concern were located regarding an upcoming organized protest.

Facebook user, **Personal Info.**, posted that, "it would be a shame if **Person** towing trucks started getting flat tires".ⁱⁱ **Personal Info.** has been mentioned in previous reporting for towing vehicles at the Windsor protests. One comment on **Personal Info.** posts by **Personal Info.** suggested to "unplug their sensors.. all their systems will shut down or go in limp mode til they get it all figured out.. maybe even cost thousands of dollars even.. tires are an easy fast fix" (Figure 1). **Personal Info.** appear to be suggesting people damage vehicles owned by **Person** towing, potentially causing the vehicles to become inoperable or unsafe.

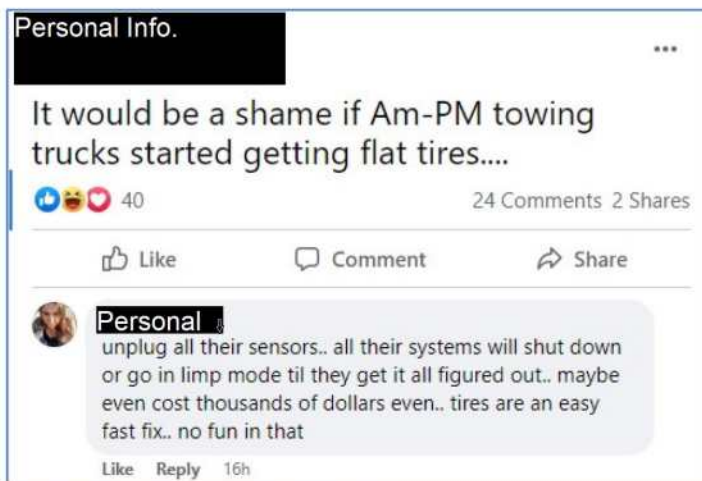


Figure 1: Facebook post re: AM-PM towing

SARNIA

No posts of concern were located regarding the Blue Water Bridge in Sarnia. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) tweeted that as of 0700hrs, the wait times to cross into the US or Canada at the Blue Water Bridge is less than 15 minutes for both personal and commercial vehicles.^{iv}

SAULT STE. MARIE

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YOW

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

TORONTO PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YYZ

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

With the fluidity and ever evolving situations at or near the POEs, continued live query support of open source media is warranted in order to provide updated situational awareness for RCMP O Division and partner agencies.

LIIMITATIONS

Although every effort has been made to review all publicly visible social media and web sources for information relevant to this brief, the absence of threat information herein should not be taken as an exhaustive examination of potential threats. A large volume of information is available online and constantly evolving.

DISSEMINATION

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